SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Examine the theme of "Wedding".

17. What contrast does the poem "Lonely Moon" draw between the Moon's barren existence and the speaker's emotional state?

18. In 'Once Upon a Time', how does the narrator's bedtime story for herself begin, and what details does she include about the family?

19. Explain how Richard Bean addresses social and political issues.

20. How does meeting Melchizedek influence Santiago's decision to pursue his Personal Legend?

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FEN61/CEN61 — CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What happens to the dress in the poem "Rain"?

2. What does Don Paterson see in the neon drugstore sign?

3. What does Tony Harrison believe about life and death in "Long Distance II"?

4. What item does Tony Harrison still keep in his phone book in "Long Distance II"?

5. Why does Jerry decide to practice holding his breath underwater in 'Through the Tunnel"?

6. What does Jerry fear as he nears the end of the tunnel?

7. Why are Erik and Deirdre Blake unhappy with their daughters?

8. What illness does Erik's mother suffer from?

9. What is Tsimtsum?

10. Who is Ravi?

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SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) How does the poem "Rain" explore the emotional impact of rain on its characters?

Or

(b) How does rain serves as a metaphor for purification in "Rain"?

12. (a) What role does memory play in the poem "Long Distance II"?

Or

(b) How does "Long Distance II" reflect on the passage of time and its impact?

13. (a) What challenges does Jerry encounter when he tries to swim through the tunnel for the first time?

Or

(b) What revelation does the narrator in "Once Upon a Time" have about the source of the night-time noises in her house?

14. (a) What role does Erik's mother, Fiona ("Momo"), play in *The Humans*?

Or

(b) Why are Erik and Deirdre concerned about their daughters' choices regarding religion?

15. (a) Write a note on the role of Richard Parker in *Life of Pi*.

Or

(b) Describe Pi Patel's upbringing and early life in Pondicherry.